

## Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans

Property or Properties: Dells of the Wisconsin River SNA

Year Master Plan was Approved: 1997

### Property-wide

<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Real Estate Mtg.	<b>Recent Park Land Acquisitions / Transactions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire acreage within the expanded project boundary totaling 1,065 acres.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>The actual acreage is 1330 + 40 acre conservation easement. This was completed prior to 2010.</i>

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<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Natural Community Mtg.	<u>Northern Dry-Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of invasive exotic species when found</li> <li>South of Witches Gulch, several planed spruce and fir trees will be removed</li> </ul> <u>Northern Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of invasive exotic species</li> </ul> <u>Southern Dry-Mesic Forest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of invasive exotic species</li> <li>Small-scale prescribed burns in some areas</li> <li>Planted conifers in the mixed oak areas will be harvested in conjunction with pine plantation management on adjoining stands.</li> </ul>
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	<p><u>Mixed Dry Forest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest of the merchantable jack pine may occur</li> <li>• Black locust trees will be controlled using basal bark applications of herbicides.</li> <li>• Savanna management will consist of removal of invasive exotics, thinning non-native and native understory trees, and plying prescribed fire.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dry Prairie</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of woody species and prescribed fire</li> </ul> <p><u>Floodplain Forest</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of exotic species when found</li> </ul> <p><u>Exposed and Shaded Cliffs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment and enforcement of closed zones prohibiting visitor access to sensitive cliff and canyon areas</li> <li>• Monitoring by conducting periodic population censuses of each species</li> </ul> <p><u>Conifer Plantations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinning large pines</li> </ul> <p><u>Alder Thicket/Shrub Swamp</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of invasive exotic species if found</li> </ul> <p><u>Open Wetland</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of invasive exotic species if found</li> </ul> <p><u>Agricultural Land/Pasture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of invasive exotic species</li> </ul> <p><u>Old Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of invasive exotic species if found</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>2008 and 2009 the natural area was sprayed for Gypsy Moths = 311 acres</i>

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<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Rare Plant Mtg.</p>	<p><u>Rare Cliff Plants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment and enforcement of closed zones prohibiting visitor access to sensitive cliff and canyon areas</li> <li>• Monitoring by conducting periodic population censuses of each species</li> </ul> <p><u>Fragrant Fern</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop monitoring plan to help determine the efficacy of this augmentation program</li> </ul> <p><u>Lapland Rosebay</u></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely monitor and take remedial action if the population is immediately threatened.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Rare and threatened plants were surveyed and documented on property adjacent to the natural area.</i>

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<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Wildlife Mtg. and Hunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary wildlife management on the property will be control of deer populations through hunting</li> <li>Small game hunting will be allowed in accordance with the regular seasons, except for spring wild turkey hunting</li> <li>Furbearer trapping will be allowed in accordance with the state regulations</li> <li>Monitor hunting particularly during the first years of open seasons to determine if any safety concerns or user conflicts necessitate modifications to the hunting seasons.</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Hunting and trapping continues in the natural area.</i>

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<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Recreation Mtg.	<u>Public Access</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a closed zone along canyon area on both sides of the river corridor where the rock outcrops and steep cliffs are located</li> </ul>
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<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Public access is allowed on the beaches and interior areas of the natural area. The cliffs and gorges are closed to the public.</i>
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<b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b>  Education and Interpretation	<u>Planned interpretive projects</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambrian Overlook</li> <li>• Chapel Gorge Trail</li> <li>• Crandall Pines</li> <li>• Educational Material</li> <li>• Additional Cooperative Efforts</li> </ul>
<b>Accomplishments 2010</b>	<i>Cambrian overlook day-use park is 90% complete. It could be open in 2010 if there is funding to complete and maintain this facility. Trails and parking lots at Chapel Gorge and Crandall Pines are maintained for public use.</i> <i>July 2010 Cambrian Overlook Day-Use Park was completed and open to the public.</i>